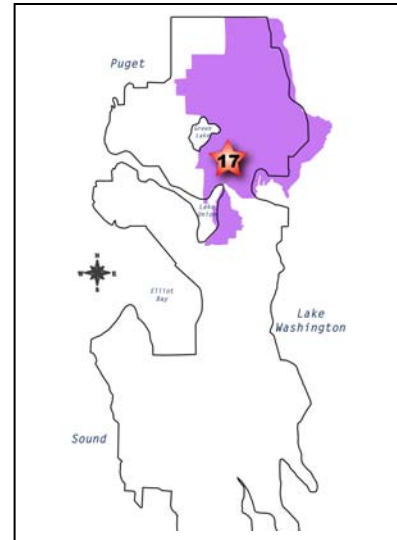


**POTENTIALLY HISTORIC BATTALION STATION****RENOVATE**

Existing Square Footage: 14,000  
 Final Square Footage: 20,602 (minimum)

Address: 1050 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Date Built: 1929

## About the Station:

Station 17's core operations include an engine company (E17), a ladder unit (L9), an aid unit (A17), and a battalion chief unit. The station also houses a reserve battalion chief unit as well as the Department's tunnel rescue unit assigned to serve the city's north end.

In 2002, the station dispatched approximately 6,000 units. Of these, about 2,500 were in response to fire calls and about 3,000 were in response to requests for EMT or paramedic assistance. The remaining dispatches responded to a range of other requests, including those for investigations, rescues, or fuel leaks and spills.

The building is in fair condition despite its age. However, Station 17 fails to meet current standards for seismic safety, its roof is aging, and many of its building systems (e.g., heating and electrical) are outdated.

## What the Plan Would Do:

Although renovations in the late 1980s included some seismic bracing, more structural work is required to bring the station up to current standards. Additional renovations will address the station's other structural and/or systems inadequacies.

The plan calls for a series of additional improvements, as well. The building will be expanded, on an expanded site, with no detriment to its potentially historical character. This expansion will permit Station 17 to assume responsibility as the lead station for Battalion VI, covering Seattle's northeast sector, the Eastlake neighborhood, and a portion of Capitol Hill. Following the expansion, Station 17 will have room to house the battalion chief's office and to support the battalion's training activities.

The expansion will also create greater capacity for the existing engine and ladder truck. The existing apparatus bay will house a medic unit moved from Station 16. An existing handball court will be remodeled to provide a kitchen and dayroom area on the second floor, and a small addition to the second floor will accommodate physical training functions. In addition, the City will seek design efficiencies and cost savings sufficient to fund an additional apparatus bay at this station and several others (see project summaries for stations 6, 10, 14, and 32).

The additional bay at this station would provide the capacity to house another medic unit if future demand warrants the service expansion.

While the station is undergoing renovation, an interim facility will be sited within the neighborhood to provide continuity of fire and medic service until the station project is complete.

## Planned Station Features:

### Technical Capacities

- Reserve tunnel rescue unit
- Bay space for six regular apparatus, including a battalion chief and reserve bay
- Decontamination/clean room
- Maintenance work area, battery charging alcove, and compressor
- Storage for major disaster supplies and EMS equipment
- Hose tower
- Training facilities: drilling platform, training classroom, training storage

### Administrative and Crew Areas

- Secure public lobby
- Station office
- Visitor-accessible unisex restroom
- Beanery kitchen and dining room
- Day room
- Officers' quarters
- Firefighter bunk rooms
- Toilet/shower rooms
- Laundry room

## Estimated Cost:

The estimated cost of this station renovation is \$4.1 million and will be funded from a combination of levy proceeds and other fund sources. This amount includes inflation and the cost of an interim facility, but does not include any land acquisition costs.